

Opportunity to Object to Moonlight Fire Area Restoration Project

The Moonlight Fire Area Restoration Project Environmental Assessment, Finding of No Significant Impact, and draft Decision Notice are complete. Correspondence providing a website to access these electronic documents was sent to those who requested copies of the documents or submitted specific written comments related to the project.

The Moonlight Fire burned approximately 65,000 acres of National Forest System and private lands during the late summer of 2007; over half of these acres burned at high severity. This had both direct and indirect impacts on a broad suite of ecological and cultural resources. In response to these conditions, we propose vegetation and infrastructure management activities designed to restore the area affected by the 2007 Moonlight Fire; to reduce the negative post-fire effects to vegetation, watersheds, and recreation; and to enhance resiliency to future fires, droughts, insect and disease infestations, and climate change.

The Environmental Assessment, Finding of No Significant Impact, and draft Decision Notice are available online at: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=49421> (to view the documents click on the tabs titled 'analysis' and 'decision'). The draft Decision Notice and supporting documentation are also available for review at the Mt. Hough Ranger District, 39696 Highway 70, Quincy, CA 95971.

The Responsible Official who will issue a decision on this project is Daniel Lovato, Forest Supervisor for the Plumas National Forest. Additional information regarding this project can be obtained by contacting Kyla Sabo at 530-283-7652 or kylasabo@fs.fed.us.

This proposed project is subject to the objection process pursuant to 36 CFR 218, Subparts A and B.

Eligibility to File Objections

Objections will be accepted only from those who have previously submitted specific written comments regarding the proposed project either during scoping or other designated opportunity for public comment in accordance with § 218.5(a). Issues raised in objections must be based on previously-submitted, timely, specific, written comments regarding the proposed project unless based on new information arising after designated opportunities.

Individual members of organizations must have submitted their own comments to meet the requirements of eligibility as an individual, objections received on behalf of an organization are considered as those of the organization only. If an objection is submitted on behalf of a number of individuals or organizations, each individual or organization listed must meet the eligibility requirement of having previously submitted comments on the project (§ 218.7). Names and addresses of objectors will become part of the public record.

Contents of an Objection

Incorporation of documents by reference in the objection is permitted only as provided for at § 218.8(b). Minimum content requirements of an objection are identified in (§ 218.8(d) include:

- Objector's name, address, and telephone number (if available); with signature or other verification of authorship supplied upon request;
- Identification of the lead objector when multiple names are listed, along with verification upon request;
- Name of project, name and title of the responsible official, national forest/ranger district of project;

- Sufficient narrative description of those aspects of the proposed project objected to, specific issues related to the project, how environmental law, regulation, or policy would be violated, and suggested remedies which would resolve the objection; and,
- Statement demonstrating the connection between prior specific written comments on this project and the content of the objection, unless the objection issue arose after the designated opportunity(ies) for comment.

Filing an Objection

Written objections, including any attachments, must be filed (regular mail, fax, email, hand-delivery, or express delivery) with the Reviewing Officer Randy Moore, Regional Forester, c/o Nevla Brown, Regional Appeals and Objections Coordinator, 1323 Club Drive, Vallejo, CA 94592, fax 707-562-9229, within 45 days following the publication date of this legal notice in the newspaper of record, *The Feather River Bulletin*. The office business hours for those submitting hand-delivered objections are: 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Electronic objections must be submitted in a format such as an email message, portable document file (.pdf), plain text (.txt), rich text format (.rtf), and Word (.doc or .docx) to: objections-pacificsouthwest-regional-office@fs.fed.us.

Please include **Moonlight Fire Area Restoration Project** in the subject line of electronic messages.

The publication date in the *Feather River Bulletin*, newspaper of record, is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an objection of this project. Those wishing to object to this proposed project should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source. It is the responsibility of Objectors to ensure their objection is received in a timely manner (§ 218.9).

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